



Gov. McCrory Appoints Nick Tennyson Secretary of Transportation



In early August, Governor Pat McCrory announced the appointment of Nick Tennyson as the new Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Transportation. Tennyson previously served as Chief Deputy Secretary since March 2013, and succeeds Tony Tata.

"Nick Tennyson is the perfect choice to continue the momentum we have made in North Carolina's transportation strategy," said Governor McCrory. "He has been involved in planning all of our key transportation strategies over the last two and half years, and is equipped to hit the ground running to continue our progress."

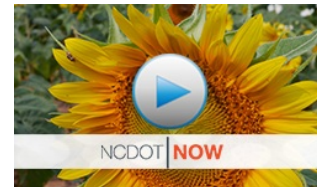
Secretary Tennyson and the NCDOT team will continue to focus on expanding and safely maintaining our transportation network through the Governor's 25 Year Vision, support new funding strategies including the bonds to Connect NC, strengthen our ports to make our state more globally competitive and deliver other infrastructure projects to help grow the state's economy and create jobs. [Learn More](#)

Pedestrian Tunnel Coming near Campbell University

Earlier this summer, NCDOT awarded a \$2.6 million contract to construct a pedestrian tunnel in Buies Creek. Located under U.S. 421/N.C. 27, the tunnel will make it safer and easier for pedestrians to navigate Campbell University and the area around campus, including the football stadium.

"Student access across 421 is vital to the growth of the university. We have housing for over 150 students on the south

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side of the highway, the PGA/PGM golf facility is there and our football stadium is there as well," said Jim Roberts, Vice President for Business for Campbell University. "The growth of the university is south of 421 and our new health science campus and access to the new nursing and health sciences facility will be greatly enhanced by the pedestrian culvert giving safe access to the south side of the road and allowing students to bike, walk, jog and even skateboard across the area to class."

Other North Carolina universities have similar tunnels to access areas of the campus, but this will be the first for Campbell University. Construction is slated to start this month, and the tunnel is anticipated to be open to the public in July 2016. [Read More](#)

Division 6 Board Member: Terry Hutchens

Terry Hutchens was appointed to join the North Carolina Board of Transportation in April 2015 to represent NCDOT Division 6, which includes Bladen, Columbus, Cumberland, Harnett and Robeson counties.



Terry Hutchens

He is president and sole stockholder of Hutchens Law Firm. He began his solo career as a lawyer in 1982 in Fayetteville. He grew up in a military family stationed overseas and moved to North Carolina while in high school. Terry graduated from North Carolina State University in 1972. He obtained a Master's of Business Administration from the Babcock Graduate School at Wake Forest University in 1974 and graduated from Wake Forest School of Law in 1977. Terry met and married his wife, Rosalind, while in college in 1970. They have four children; all live in Fayetteville.

"It's really a privilege to serve the place I call home," said Hutchens. "I look forward to the important projects we have coming to the area and I am thankful for the great NCDOT staff in our division."

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Division six, which covers Harnett, Cumberland, Bladen, Robeson and Columbus counties, recently received their Gator Getters and trained employees in Lumberton. [Learn More](#)

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